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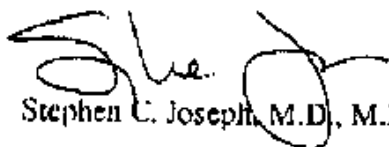
MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MRAI&E)

SUBJECT: Expanded Use of Inter-facility Credentials Transfer Brief (ICTB)

In a memorandum dated July 11, 1994, we implemented the ICTB to speed transfer of credentials between MTFs and standardize credentialing procedures across the MHSS. We designed the credentials transfer instrument primarily as a readiness initiative with secondary benefits to the managed care aspects of TRICARE. The ICTB was originally restricted to use with uniformed military and MHSS civilian personnel. This memorandum expands availability of the ICTB to all privileged providers, including contractors, resource sharing, Veterans Administration and non-military, uniformed providers.

This policy change is effective immediately. My point of contact is LtCol David Lius, who can be reached at (703) 695-6800.

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, MEDCOM RMCs/MEDCENs/MEDDACs

SUBJECT: Physician Assistant Certification


1. In accordance with Army Regulation (AR) 40-68, paragraph 9-1, all Army Physician Assistants (PAs) must be certified by the National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) for the duration of their military service. This applies to PAs in all components – Active, National Guard, and Reserve.
2. Army PAs who graduate from the Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program (IPAP) at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, are required to take the NCCPA examination immediately following completion of Phase II training. The IPAP graduates have a maximum of two attempts to pass the NCCPA examination.
3. The PAs who are unsuccessful in passing the examination on the first attempt must take the examination at the next available opportunity for which it is offered. Failure to take the NCCPA examination when it is offered, except when officially exempted in writing, will result in an immediate branch transfer.
4. Individuals unable to take the NCCPA examination due to a valid reason, such as, long-term deployments, national emergencies, or serious personal health conditions, must request a deferment for a specific testing period in writing from the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps prior to the scheduled exam dates.
5. The PAs who are unsuccessful in passing the NCCPA examination after their second attempt will have their privileges revoked in accordance with AR 40-68, Quality Assurance Administration, IOC 3, 30 June 1995.
6. The PAs who have not completed their active duty service obligation for training (ADSO) and failed the NCCPA examination twice will be processed for involuntary branch transfer in accordance with AR 614-100, paragraph 4.3, Officer Assignment Policies, Details, and Transfers, September 1990.
7. This directive will take effect immediately. Any Army PA, active duty, National Guard or Army Reservist, who has failed the NCCPA examination, regardless of the number of previous attempts, will be given one additional opportunity to take this certification exam and pass at the next available testing opportunity. If again unsuccessful, the officer will be processed for involuntary branch transfer.

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8. Direct questions regarding this issue to LTC Louis H. Smith, Chief, Physician Assistant Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Health Policy and Services, DSN 471-6525 or Commercial (210) 221-6525.

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